

# BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 10 July 2017** in Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors David Hardaker, John Parry and Mark Prior. Also in attendance Parish Clerk, District Councillor David Burn and County Councillor Jessica Fleming.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Halton and Cllr Doe and accepted by the Council.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations. There were no declarations.

3. Councillors were reminded of the requirement to individually update their Register of Interests as appropriate.

4. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the meeting of 12 June 2017 were agreed as a true record by those present.

5. Matters arising from minutes of 12 June 2017

None that were not included on the agenda for this meeting.

**6. PUBLIC FORUM**

Parishioners made comments on the proposed use of the allotment land for housing development. Concerns were expressed about being overlooked, noise from building work and parking and access. It was stated that bungalows would be a preferred option. There was also support for the project recognising that the parish did need some housing development.

Mid Suffolk District Council – Cllr David Burn gave details of Community Led Housing project funding which could perhaps support the development of the allotment land. **Action: Clerk to liaise with David Burn.**

Cllr Burn had a Locality Fund available with a deadline of the end of September. Applications were encouraged to be made directly to Cllr Burn.

Suffolk County Council – Cllr Jessica Fleming had attended the Drax Progress Power update event and development would be likely after the February 2018 power auctions. She also confirmed that improvements to the A140 were likely and a paper was now available to view details of this.

After the recent heavy rain there was concern for the blocked ditches in Upper Oakley. **Action: Clerk to report online and agenda for consideration at the next meeting.**

7. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered

Ref	Location	Application
1848/17	Bartrums Haulage and Storage, Airfield Industrial Estate	Renewal of yard lights
It was noted that this was a retrospective application and there had been complaints in the parish to the intrusiveness of the existing lighting and danger is posed to drivers along the road outside the site. It was agreed to recommend refusal of this application. The Council were keen to ensure that through the planning authority a lighting scheme that is appropriate to the rural area is put into place, namely a scheme with 'dark sky fittings' with hoods to be fitted to keep the light down and contained within the site. The current scheme affects the visual amenity of the local area.		
DC/17/02339	The Swan PH, Norwich Road, Brome	Change of use from Public House – use Class A4 to residential use – Class C3
It was unanimously agreed to recommend SUPPORT of this application.		

b. There were no planning determinations – concern was expressed that application 1307/17 – erection of eight Poultry Rearing Units had not been determined and that the Parish Council's comments submitted on 8 May were still not visible on the Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Portal. District Councillor Burn agreed to follow this up with the Planning Officer.

c. Other planning matters – a further application had been received since publication of the agenda. Ref DC/17/ 02759 Hillside, Low Street, Oakley for the construction of a new vehicular access. It was agreed to submit a comment that this application should not be determined until the opinion of the Highways Authority had been sought due to possible danger of creating an entrance close to a junction. 8.

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Allotments – consideration was given to the initial plans to develop housing on the redundant allotment land. The plans which had been supplied by the housing association were not as had been discussed at the site meeting and it was agreed to ask for a revised proposal for single storey development and at 90 degrees. At the site meeting concern had been expressed for achieving a suitable visibility splay to access the development. It was agreed that reference was needed to the original deeds before this project could be progressed any further. **Action: Clerk to research deeds.**

There was interest from a possible allotment tenant to cultivate one of the plots and Cllr Parry would progress this. Cllr Prior offered to scrape the surface of the plot if this would assist in the plot to being cultivated. **Action: Cllrs Parry and Prior.**

## 9. Consultations

a. Electoral Review of Mid Suffolk Warding arrangements – it was agreed there were no comments to make at this stage of the consultation.

b. Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan Area designation – it was agreed that as a local council committed to the Neighbourhood Plan the Parish Council were content to support the whole area designation. The Clerk would publish further details of the Neighbourhood Plan on the Parish Council website and Cllr Pace offered to deliver information leaflets. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Pace.**

## 10. Finance

a. The Council's financial statement was noted as £8,669 in the community account which included the payment from the 2016/17 transparency fund.

b. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq No
£4.50	Anglia Book Keeping	Payroll	100381
£230.15	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	100382

## 11. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted:

Date received	From	Subject
28.06.17	Parishioner	Traffic on Low Road, Oakley
20.06.17	Mid Suffolk District Council	Planning pre-application service introduction of charging.

## 12. Reports

a. Brome and Oakley Village Hall – no report. Wind Turbine funds would be pursued for the Village Hall by Cllr Parry.

b. Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan – no report other than item 9B as detailed above.

c. Telephone Kiosk – Cllrs Prior, Doe and Hardaker would upright the kiosk. **Action: Cllrs Prior, Doe and Hardaker.**

d. Mid Suffolk Parish Liaison Meeting – the Chairman had provided a report of her attendance at this meeting.

## 13. Urgent Matters

Cllr Parry reported parishioners' concerns which were referred to the appropriate authorities.

It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Oaksmere directly about trimming the hedge on Rectory Road.

**Action: Clerk.**

The BT Open Reach cables remained hanging, after some considerable time, close to Church Farm. Cllr Parry would provide the Clerk with details to pursue with the relevant authorities.

## 14. Date of next meeting and agenda items

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 September 2017. Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Pace.

## 21.26 Meeting Closed

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